(b) whether Government is promoting the use of mosquito nets to control malaria;

(c) whether Government should provide more mosquito nets on the basis of number of families in districts; and

(d) the reasons for not allocating mosquito nets to the State during the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per the information from the State, no such long term scheme has been proposed. However, the regular malaria control activities are being carried out in these districts under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme.

(b) Yes.

(c) For focused interventions Government of India provides mosquito bed nets to identified population in high malaria endemic areas which requires vector control intervention.

(d) For providing focused interventions in the most endemic areas in the country, mosquito bed nets are provided only under special projects assisted by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) and the World Bank. These projects were not in operation in Madhya Pradesh and in some other States during 2006, 2007 and 2008. In these States, other vector control interventions such as Indoor Residual Spray (IRS) etc. were resorted to.

Funds released to the States for tackling sickle-cell-anaemia

3120. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved any scheme for funding State Governments for sickle-cell-anaemia;

(b) if so, the details thereof and amount disbursed to such State Governments in the year 2008-09; and

(c) status of utilization by each State of the amount disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bio-medical waste management

3121. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the hospitals in the capital are not dealing with their waste according to the set guidelines and substantial part of articles like used syringes are back into the market without treatment;